

## UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON – DOWNTOWN INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS APPLYING FOR A WAIVER

If you are an international student or scholar, you may apply for a waiver of coverage under the University of Houston approved Student Health Insurance Plan as follows:

- A. To obtain a Waiver Request Form you must go the International Students Office (located within the Office of Admissions) with a copy of your alternate health insurance policy. If you are insured through a job-based employer's health insurance policy, you may submit either a letter from your employer and/or a copy of the policy.
- B. The copy of the policy or letter must be in English and in U.S. currency and must contain all of the following information:
  1. Your name as an insured;
  2. Offer a U.S. telephone number and contact information;
  3. Coverage dates, which must include the entire semester you are waiving.
- C. Your alternate health insurance policy must meet the following minimum standards:
  1. Medical benefits of at least U.S. \$50,000 for each accident or sickness;
  2. Annual deductible of no more than U.S. \$500;
  3. Covered benefits paid at a minimum of 75%;
  4. \*Repatriation of Mortal Remains of at least U.S. \$7,500;
  5. \*Medical evacuation of at least U.S. \$10,000;
  6. Policies should not exclude or unreasonably limit coverage for activities essential for students (such as a \$10,000 limit on motor vehicle accidents, a 13 week benefit period, etc).

*\*A nominal charge will be added to your student account for Repatriation and Medical Evacuation benefits if they are not included in an otherwise acceptable policy.*

**No waiver will be accepted after the Waiver Deadline shown below.**

**Waiver Deadline for Each Semester:**

Fall 2011: September 7, 2011  
Spring/Summer 2012: February 1, 2012  
Summer Only 2012: June 7, 2012